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BATTLE CREEK CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED TO 71 MONTHS ON WEAPONS CHARGE

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Brendon Deshay Davis, 29, of Battle Creek, was sentenced today to 71 months in prison for being a convicted felon in possession of firearms, U.S. Attorney Charles R. Gross announced today.

Davis pled guilty on June 12, 2007, to being a convicted felon in possession of three firearms. The weapons charge stemmed from the execution of a search warrant at a Battle Creek home, where Davis resided. During the April 25, 2006 search of the home, officers recovered a total of six loaded handguns, two shotguns, including a sawed-off Marlin 12 gauge shotgun, over 6 grams of crack cocaine, marijuana, assorted ammunition and drug paraphernalia. Davis, who was indicted by a federal grand jury on August 29, 2006, was arrested in Phoenix, Arizona in March 2007 after fleeing the jurisdiction.

In addition to 71 months in prison, U.S. District Judge Paul L. Maloney ordered Davis to serve three years of supervised release and to pay a \$2,000 fine and a \$100 special assessment.

U.S. Attorney Gross commended the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Battle Creek Police Department for their work in the case. Their joint investigation was undertaken as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. This case was prosecuted on behalf of the United States of America by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elisa Castrolugo.